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NOTIFICATION

The following Act passed by the Sikkim Legislative Assembly and having received assent of the Governor on 27th day of May, 2017 is hereby published for general information :-

THE SIKKIM OFFICIAL LANGUAGES (AMENDMENT) ACT, 2017

(ACT NO. 8 OF 2017)

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further to amend the Sikkim Officials Languages Act, 1977.

BE it enacted by the Legislature of Sikkim in the Sixty-eight Year of the Republic of India, as follows :-

Short title, extent and commencement

1. (1) This Act may be called the Sikkim Official Languages (Amendment) Act, 2017.
- (2) It shall extend to the whole of Sikkim.
- (3) The provision of Section 2A shall be deemed to have come into force on the 7th day of April, 1990 and the provision of Section 2B shall come into force at once.

Amendment of Section 2A

2. In the Sikkim Official Language Act, 1977 (hereinafter referred to as the "said Act"), in Section 2A, -
 - (1) in the marginal heading, after the words "Legislative Assembly", the words "and for transaction of business of the State Government" shall be inserted;
 - (2) after the words "Legislative Assembly of Sikkim", the words "and for transaction of business of the state Government" shall be inserted.

**Insertion of new
Section 2B**

**“Requirement of
proficiency in state
recognized language**

3. In the said Act after Section 2A the following new section shall be inserted, namely :-

2B Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, any person/candidate intending to join in any post in a regular service/cadre, not below the grade of Under Secretary or equivalent for which rules been framed by the State Government under the proviso to Article 309 of the constitution or in any other post, not below the grade of Under Secretary or equivalent being governed by the relevant rules as may be applicable must have proficiency in Nepali language or in any of the official languages recognized under the Sikkim Official Languages Act, 1977, in addition to English:

Provided that it shall not apply in case of any post retirement employment or in case of employment in an advisory or statutory position after retirement from service”.

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Law Department.**